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David J. Sharpless et al.

Application No.: 09/998,927

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Art Unit: 3714

For: SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD
EMPLOYING CONTROLLER FOR PLAY
OF SHARED BONUS GAMES

Examiner: Steven L Ashburn

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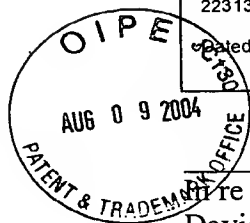
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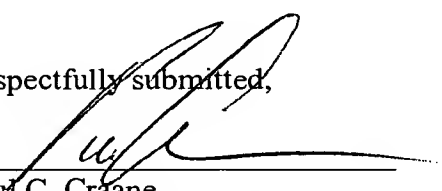
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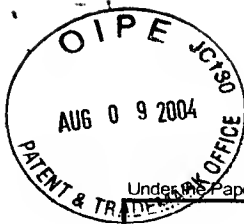
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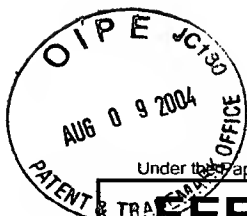
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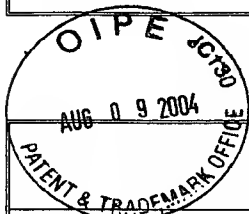
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